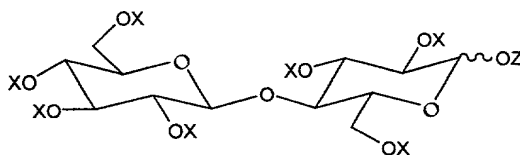


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AbstractEsters

Acylated cellobiose compounds (CHME) which satisfy the  
5 formula;-



wherein X represents an acyl group (R-CO-) or H, Z  
represents an acyl group (R'-CO-) or H and not more than a  
10 minority of X + Z residues represent H,

R represents a saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched  
chain hydrocarbon residue of 5 to 31 carbon atoms and

R' represents a residue, different from R, which is:-

(i) a saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched chain  
15 hydrocarbon residue of 1 to 31 carbon atoms, or (ii) an  
aromatic hydrocarbon residue, or (iii) a cycloaliphatic  
hydrocarbon, each optionally substituted.

CHME esters are particularly suited to thickening or  
20 structuring a water-immiscible liquid, for example, a phase  
in a cosmetic formulation, such as antiperspirant or  
deodorant formulations, eg water in oil emulsions and  
especially translucent ones.